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Sir:

Applicant requests entry of the appended Amendment, which is a true copy of an Amendment that was originally filed in the above-identified application by first-class mail on May 2, 2003. The undersigned was contacted by the Examiner assigned to the application after more than six months had passed after mailing of the Office Action on March 3, 2003 to indicate that no response had been received. No Notice of Abandonment has yet been received. Applicant provides the following evidence that the Amendment was timely filed within the three-month shortened statutory period for response in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.8:

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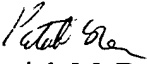
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2. A return-receipt postcard was stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office acknowledging receipt of the Amendment on May 6, 2003. A true copy of the stamped postcard is attached as Exhibit A.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct from Deposit Account No. 20-1430 the fee of \$130 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), as well as any other fees that may be determined to be due, although it is believed that all such fees are properly waived in view of the evidence that the Amendment was properly filed with and received by the Patent Office.

Respectfully submitted,


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